

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

**February 1, 2005**

**7:00 PM**

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

Mayor Baines called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Forest.

Mayor Baines called for a moment of silent prayer.

The Clerk called the roll. There were eleven Aldermen present.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Sysyn, Osborne, Porter, O'Neil, Lopez,  
Shea, DeVries, Garrity and Forest

Absent: Aldermen Guinta, Smith and Thibault

Mayor Baines advised that the purpose of the special meeting is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to two minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Mayor Baines requested that any resident wishing to speak come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Jane Beaulieu, 609 So. Main Street, Manchester, NH (Re: For Manchester), stated:

I'm here tonight to invite you and the general public to the For Manchester annual meeting.

All of you have an invitation and the annual meeting is going to be February 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Institute of Art. There will be a social hour and then the meeting will wrap up within an hour. It will be very informative, there will be a classical and jazz pianist at the meeting. If you look at the invitations...I just want to go through the invitation with you to just give you a little bit of what we're doing or what we did do last year for the community.

The front page is a piece of artwork that one of the teens from the Teen Arts Center Advisory Board did, the next page is Adopt-A-Block a yearly event that we've been doing for many years. The next page is the Mill City Festival poster...we plan on doing it again this year (September 10 & 11). The back of the invitation is a picture of the Weston

Observatory...we're working with a committee to raise money to restore and preserve the building. The following photograph is a restoration and this is the front door of the blacksmith shop and that's it. There are a few other projects that we're working on...one is

Friends of Stark Park looking to restore that park with the community and there's a lot more that we do for the community, but anyway, we would like to see the Aldermen and yourself, Mr. Mayor, at the meeting. I think you might be away, I'm not sure on the sixteenth. Anyway, thanks for the time and see you on the sixteenth.

Billy Dodd, 181 Mammoth Road, Manchester, NH, stated:

I hope more than two or three Aldermen will be paying attention...I can't understand the veto over the economic development position. We haven't had one for two years, why do we need it now. You know it's going to take eight votes to pass it, so we know where 7 and 7 are, see who caves in for a political promise down the road. But, if you do make one don't be fooled in thinking you're going to get one for \$74,000, it's going to be just like the School Superintendent's position you can't get somebody qualified unless you pay at least \$100,000...keep that in mind. Big headlines...Refugees...nobody wants to mention it. Should it be any surprise Manchester is an emergency immigration reception City, extra strings are tied for a lot of the HUD money that you're getting, but they don't pay the full cost. The paper had something last week about 70 English teachers for the immigrants and the refugees. So, let's see who's going to do something on that one. But, did you know, I didn't know...the Bridge and Elm Streets property...I didn't know we got \$750,000 for it but we had to give back two-thirds of that for cleanup costs, that was in the Purchase and Sales Agreement...let's see a show of hands of everybody that knew that...I didn't think so. Portland, Maine just sold an acre of land for \$850,000 and they're going to build pretty much the same thing. Your City Solicitor should be looking over these contracts that you sign that have all of these extra legal fees that are not covered in the bond money, but how many of you know how much it's going to cost to clean up the Jac Pac land that's not in the bond money...a million bucks or so...let's see where that one goes. But, you had to have Jac Pac land because the deal for the access over the railroad tracks fell through because it was kept a secret from you. Any other secrets being kept from you on the Jac Pac land? Thank you.

Jeff Kassel, 22 Appleton Street, Manchester, NH (Re: MCAM), stated:

It's been a few months. I want to apologize to the Mayor he told me as I came in this evening that I had almost ridden over him, almost hit him with my car. I was on my way from MCTV where I had recorded my program The Jeff Kassel Show and I want everybody to know that I would not kill the Mayor of this town...that was not my intent. I'm the Chairman of Concerned Taxpayers and as you know we're the watchdog agency for money in this town or try to be, but I'm here tonight to talk about MCTV and MCAM and MCAM is the public voice for citizens to talk about political issues, money issues that concern them and concern the City and I'm here to lobby for a separate studio for the MCAM producers. It is very, very difficult to make time available in a school setting. They have all kinds of bizarre schedules that make sense in a bureaucracy but don't necessarily make sense for people that are actually working or having trouble getting into that studio, it's very, very hard to get studio time. Today, I also recorded a program in somebody's office and it really is important to have those three cameras there. So, there is a certain amount of money that

has to be spent. The franchise fee...5% of what people pay for cable is received by the City but the City only gives about 30% of that to MCTV and MCAM and they keep the rest of it and use it for City services. It is interesting to note that Londonderry gives the whole thing to MCTV, so does Merrimack and Bedford. It turns out that Manchester gives the smallest percentage of that franchise fee of any place in New Hampshire...at least by the information that I have. Now, I'm not sure that anybody has an entitlement to that money but this is the voice of the people and we would like to run meetings and have a robust debate about these issues that concern everybody. We'd like to have Aldermen come to MCTV and field questions via telephone so that they can be more aware and more accountable to the voters and that's why it is important to release this money. I am also told that a million dollars exists in an account for MCTV studio equipment and that's been laying there and the City's drawing interest on that. There are some of us that are involved in this TV production that have a plan for that money and it would be nice to get it so that we can have a true democracy here, not just in Iraq but a place where people can get more than two minutes to discuss their concerns with Aldermen and put it on TV, thank you.

John Latsha, 10 Gantry Street, Manchester, NH, stated:

I would like to talk about the deicing of the airplanes at Manchester Airport. I don't know if any of you saw an article that was in the paper on Saturday in regards to the Airport considering using a collection system to collect this deicer. Being a resident of Ward 8 I really don't want to see the Airport consider doing it. I want it to start doing it period...whether that's picking up on the rates on the passenger facilities charge or raising ticket prices, whatever they have to do let's get it done. In March of 2003, I brought this to the attention of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen nearly two years ago my concerns about the deicer. I talked about dumping this deicer into our stormwater drains and into our rivers and streams and Cohas Brook and I also talked to them about the smell which occurs during the decomposition of this deicer. When it degrades it has a sulfur like smell to it. I also talked about a vacuum cleaning systems, which can take as much as 75% of this deicer and recycle it keeping it out of our waterways. Mr. Dillon has insisted that this deicer is environmentally friendly. Well, I guess if I were the Director of the Manchester Airport I would say the same thing. The fact is that it takes between 20 to 40 days for this deicer to decompose or to degrade and in order to decompose it needs oxygen which it takes out of the water depriving fish and other living organisms much needed oxygen, in fact, it could kill them. These organisms died after testing according to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Also, jet fuel gets washed off of this airplanes during the deicing process which Mr. Dillon didn't tell you as well. I would just like to see the Manchester Airport take responsibility for its waste...take responsibility for your waste and have Manchester to continue to be an environmentally safe place to live. Thank you very much.

Mayor Baines advised that if there is no one else present wishing to speak, on motion of alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented.

This being a special meeting of the Board, no further business was presented and on motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk